

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.
(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only.)			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1945.													
September ...	46	16	34	18	30	23	18	32	27	68	18	21	50
October ...	42	68	125	116	85	53	72	128	104	94	80	77	89
November ...	66	50	78	28	61	76	60	69	67	115	129	82	115
December ...	54	43	46	61	49	42	48	48	47	92	69	67	82
1946.													
January ...	153	100	166	236	151	130	110	184	158	92	44	67	77
February ...	95	129	327	228	195	49	153	363	269	174	77	100	140
March ...	66	76	105	43	79	48	76	113	95	164	197	63	160
April ...	66	90	61	14	65	60	78	48	57	98	291	136	152
May ...	39	40	53	24	42	37	35	49	43	13	22	30	18
June ...	23	38	75	64	49	33	38	59	50	6	69	173	44
July ...	17	38	109	34	55	20	42	114	84	1	2	7	2
August ...	2	13	60	8	25	1	14	60	41	20	3	19	16
September ...	203	68	15	156	99	160	47	10	39	101	76	52	88

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44, 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45 and 431,549,000 lb. in 1945-46.

Under war time contract the British Government purchased the Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46. The agreed average price (per lb. greasy) was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian currency in 1939-40 to 1941-42 and 12·3625d. sterling (Aust. 15·4531d.) in 1942-43 to 1945-46.

The current clip is being sold by auction under agreement between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of new wool.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
July ...	83,715	76,207	68,696	73,503	83,715	76,207	68,696	73,503
August ...	105,532	113,506	110,161	66,310	189,247	189,713	178,857	139,813
September ...	158,065	73,356	132,093	206,309	347,312	263,069	310,950	346,122
October ...	173,622	129,588	183,001	...	520,934	392,657	493,951	...
November ...	128,231	166,656	174,501	...	649,165	559,313	668,452	...
December ...	94,774	111,713	47,412	...	743,939	671,026	715,864	...
January ...	135,652	101,888	44,883	...	879,591	772,914	760,747	...
February ...	60,931	24,884	23,146	...	940,522	797,798	783,893	...
March ...	43,493	23,799	28,966	...	984,015	821,597	812,859	...
April ...	42,000	20,854	36,385	...	1,026,015	842,451	849,244	...
May ...	51,274	34,419	40,424	...	1,077,289	876,870	889,668	...
June ...	56,870	41,007	36,141	...	1,134,159	917,877	925,809	...

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1934-35	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1943-44	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1941-42... ..	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43... ..	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44... ..	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6
1944-45... ..	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46... ..	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6

A preliminary forecast by the Division of Marketing, Department of Agriculture, of the 1946-47 wheat yield is 19,750,000 bushels.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Thousand lb.						
July	5,061	5,163	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641
August	5,361	5,346	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758
September	7,093	5,952	4,933	5,397	5,007	...
October	10,107	7,499	8,626	8,488	7,557	...
November	13,128	11,275	11,553	8,169	7,387	...
December	13,471	12,032	13,079	7,532	8,820	...
January	12,310	13,044	12,821	8,004	8,146	...
February	11,816	10,219	10,184	6,769	8,146	...
March	11,370	8,648	8,440	8,261	8,498	...
April	10,044	6,129	5,165	5,811	6,185	...
May	8,145	4,789	3,870	4,477	4,468	...
June	6,024	3,679	2,594	3,287	2,772	...
Year	113,930	93,775	87,857	71,722	74,280	...
Two months ended August	10,422	10,509	6,591	5,527	7,294	5,400

5. COAL PRODUCTION† IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Commonwealth Coal Commissioner.

Periods of Four Weeks.*	Last day of Period. (1946 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
First... ..	10th Jan.	731	744	625	640	519
Second	16th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860
Third	16th Mar.	981	813	781	893	913
Fourth	13th April	886	843	782	755	839
Fifth	11th May	1,003	843	930	791	674
Sixth	8th June	965	907	866	914	905
Seventh	6th July	918	899	884	846	798
Eighth	3rd Aug.	953	905	884	914	846
Ninth	31st Aug.	1,028	938	880	778	911
Tenth	28th Sept.	984	868	970	842	975
Eleventh	26th Oct.	973	937	870	759	...
Twelfth	23rd Nov.	965	939	891	869	...
Thirteenth	21st Dec.	886	904	906	308	...
52 weeks Total†	...	12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	...
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...	...	56	60	180	523	...
Period of 40 weeks ended*—	3rd Oct.	2nd Oct.	30th Sept.	29th Sept.	28th Sept.	
Northern District	6,358	5,921	5,603	5,412	5,634	
Western District... ..	1,263	1,123	1,253	1,297	1,287	
Southern District*	1,761	1,649	1,519	1,531	1,340	
Total (40 weeks)	9,382	8,693	8,375	8,240	8,261	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above ...	...	40	109	397	525	

* The Four-weekly Periods in Southern District end a week later than in other districts.

† Production as recorded by Mines Department was 11,196,000 tons in 1939, 9,550,000 in 1940, 11,766,000 in 1941.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Period.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value.				
Monthly Average	£		£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	169,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,057	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	46,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	146,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945	22,019	331	336,445	80,812	338,842	100,434	439,276
Month—							
1945—Sept.†	13,142	635	636,463	113,286	636,463	126,428	762,891
1946—Aug. Sept.	80,024 244,060	992 806	1,411,451 1,395,090	331,398 247,998	1,419,801 1,397,090	403,072 490,058	1,822,873 1,887,148
Nine Months (Jan.—Sept.)							
1945†	171,514	2,192	2,103,714	626,339	2,130,704	770,863	2,901,567
1946	864,533	7,193	9,988,168	1,877,094	10,072,723	2,657,072	12,729,795

† Revised.

Quarter.	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.			Seven Shires.			Total, New South Wales: New Buildings, Alterations and Additions. *
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	
	No. of Permits.	Value.		No. of Permits.	Value.		
Quarterly Average—		£	£		£	£	£
1938	1,277	1,074,724	245,066	324	200,866	61,786	5,092,997
1939	1,126	849,892	215,389	359	246,018	29,242	4,395,406
1940	850	752,163	183,881	363	250,096	35,659	4,151,369
1941	863	691,258	164,264	399	306,332	27,634	3,901,338
1942	206	144,982	58,542	98	54,724	11,511	631,168
1943	76	36,401	62,239	39	15,162	13,295	467,257
1944	109	59,601	87,067	86	45,133	25,550	618,083
1945	592	473,569	129,554	611	503,434	50,867	2,475,251
September Quarter—							
1945	734	515,240	135,785	850	648,213	50,409	2,996,541
1946	1,764	1,994,335	337,233	1,330	1,529,259	130,552	9,505,491
Nine Months (Jan.-Sept.)							
1945	1,169	799,091	318,173	1,421	1,019,038	126,872	5,164,741
1946	4,466	4,670,400	884,049	3,700	4,052,772	360,649	22,697,665

* Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

The value of principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued by local councils in Sydney and Suburbs, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below:—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. (Permits issued.)						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>							
Monthly Average—							
1939	373,102	76,469	231,830	106,124	47,665	183,099	1,018,289
1944	10,343	14,388	1,094	85,433	1,894	20,425	133,577
1945	164,996	169,247	3,680	61,641	5,573	34,139	439,276
Month—							
1945 September† ...	308,353	339,806	3,945	66,484	5,916	38,387	762,891
1946 August	758,237	506,560	71,967	339,948	48,982	97,179	1,822,873
1946 September ...	650,827	377,188	142,793	275,989	227,628	212,723	1,887,148
Nine Months (Jan.— September)—							
1945†	984,379	1,065,190	18,497	540,877	43,738	248,886	2,901,567
1946	5,155,393	3,797,417	368,690	2,035,068	427,733	945,494	12,729,795
<i>129 Industrial and Rural Towns.</i>							
Quarterly Average—							
1939	187,801	482,784	36,997	28,847	102,725	226,127	1,065,281
1944	6,795	49,873	1,755	41,784	5,469	40,992	146,668
1945	80,748	389,274	2,749	53,182	17,420	59,750	603,123
September Quarter—							
1945	84,215	456,811	2,728	39,120	18,386	49,765	651,025
1946	456,989	1,254,028	33,671	151,026	161,031	274,823	2,331,568
Nine Months (Jan.— September)—							
1945	116,702	698,497	6,010	127,558	46,421	122,076	1,117,264
1946	983,452	3,174,969	93,178	407,407	355,471	539,972	5,554,449
<i>7 Shires Adjacent to the Metropolis.</i>							
Quarterly Average—							
1939	104,108	126,456	6,930	1,170	7,748	28,848	275,260
1944	6,076	43,727	5	8,158	858	11,859	70,683
1945	116,583	411,570	925	3,831	2,398	18,994	554,301
September Quarter—							
1945	158,855	518,452	.....	3,700	1,060	16,555	698,622
1946	486,573	1,037,102	13,250	21,250	43,657	57,979	1,659,811
Nine Months (Jan.— September)—							
1945	247,096	833,142	1,500	14,995	2,851	46,326	1,145,910
1946	1,173,635	2,916,181	25,025	38,343	95,692	164,545	4,413,421

(a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwellings attached. † Revised.

8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised:—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).					
	Month of September.			Nine Months ended September.		
	*1944.	*1945.	1946.	*1944.	*1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs	166,425	467,581	273,024	1,237,997	2,569,495	2,843,028
Remainder of State...	87,491	143,576	284,957	804,762	1,208,235	2,036,161
Total, N.S. Wales ...	253,916	611,157	557,981	2,042,759	3,777,730	4,879,189

* Revised.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Million £.								
Year ended 31st December ...	200'29	202'79	229'03	238'65	240'54	251'40	251'74	...
January ...	13'24	16'33	15'83	18'69	17'18	18'01	18'62	17'62
February ...	16'54	14'64	17'48	19'39	21'60	20'48	21'48	21'72
March ...	15'78	16'97	17'40	19'53	19'44	18'00	21'75	22'33
April ...	15'79	17'88	19'06	19'19	21'88	21'68	20'81	26'88
May ...	17'46	14'85	18'75	20'72	19'56	21'45	22'24	25'21
June ...	14'88	17'07	21'76	18'93	20'91	20'67	19'40	23'58
July ...	15'28	16'74	17'63	19'17	19'81	20'87	22'01	25'74
August ...	16'81	17'17	20'41	20'86	18'75	23'82	20'22	28'74
September ...	19'44	17'48	21'60	19'59	19'93	21'46	23'72	...
October ...	19'22	18'50	18'25	22'06	20'80	21'82	22'36	...
November ...	17'53	18'13	20'58	19'54	21'07	20'30	39'13	...
December ...	18'32	17'03	20'28	20'98	19'61	22'84		...

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Year ended December—			Percentage increase + or decrease —					
1938	303	303	+ 4·8	+ 5·2	+ 11·6	+ 5·0		
1939	303	303	+ 2·4	+ 2·0	+ 2·6	+ 0·9		
1940	303	305	+ 6·3	+ 17·0	+ 4·0	+ 1·9		
1941	305	304	+ 14·6	+ 8·0	+ 9·0	+ 4·0		
1942	304	303	— 5·3	+ 9·2	— 5·1	— 8·4		
1943	303	306	— 11·3	— 6·8	— 9·7	— 17·6		
1944	306	302	+ 3·2	— 0·2	+ 4·6	+ 1·4		
1945	302	301	+ 15·8	+ 11·1	+ 6·7	+ 5·0		
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1945.								
August	27	25	+ 16·6	+ 11·9	+ 6·4	+ 4·4	+ 21·8	+ 5·5
September	26	25	+ 21·1	+ 10·2	+ 4·0	+ 6·7	+ 22·5	+ 5·8
October	25	26	+ 37·9	+ 4·9	+ 13·5	+ 9·9	+ 25·0	+ 8·0
November	26	26	+ 40·6	+ 2·1	+ 13·6	+ 12·0	+ 33·4	+ 10·4
December	24	23	+ 17·9	— 4·7	+ 17·4	+ 18·4	+ 30·8	+ 14·9
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1946.								
January	25	25	+ 24·6	— 6·3	+ 16·9	+ 14·8	+ 27·1	+ 16·0
February	24	24	+ 37·4	— 9·6	+ 20·5	+ 19·4	+ 25·0	+ 18·2
March	26	26	+ 47·8	— 11·4	+ 21·1	+ 19·9	+ 37·2	+ 19·5
April	24	22	+ 47·2	— 13·0	+ 32·1	+ 20·2	+ 44·7	+ 24·6
May	26	27	+ 51·8	— 12·9	+ 29·4	+ 20·1	+ 49·0	+ 27·4
June	25	23	+ 9·6	+ 7·5	+ 29·9	+ 21·0	+ 35·3	+ 30·4
July	26	27	+ 25·5	+ 1·4	+ 32·8	+ 21·6	+ 28·7	+ 30·7
August	25	27	+ 45·4	+ 7·9	+ 31·9	+ 23·4	+ 26·9	+ 31·6

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 26.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of August.			Two Months ended 31st August.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1944 ...	2,830,691	1,973,785	856,906	5,515,181	3,898,872	1,616,309
1945 ...	2,728,996	2,047,850	681,146	5,363,474	4,085,116	1,278,358
1946 ...	2,486,813	2,047,607	439,206	5,094,310	4,085,725	1,008,585

* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,030,000 in year 1945-46.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

	Month of August.		Two Months ended 31st August.	
	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1944 ...	1,683	20,293	3,330	41,454
1945 ...	1,449	21,748	3,024	44,037
1946 ...	1,489	20,549	3,046	42,307

* Partly estimated.

12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
Month of August—	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
1944 ...	441,900	41,700	41,960	45,300	5,800	3,706
1945 ...	438,100	27,300	41,785	47,900	4,400	4,008
1946 ...	463,700	(-) 5,100	42,820	48,700	(-) 1,000	3,829
Two months ended 31st August—						
1944 ...	866,600	81,700	82,288	89,800	11,500	7,352
1945 ...	878,100	54,700	83,753	93,700	8,600	7,833
1946 ...	909,900	(-) 10,000	83,983	96,400	(-) 2,100	7,559

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £488,486 in year 1945-46.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.
(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1944.	1945.	1946.			
	31st August.	30th June.*	30th September.	30th September.	31st March.	31st July.	31st August.	30th September.
Cars	216,633	169,916	182,315	186,057	190,091	191,320	191,701	192,466
Lorries and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	78,942	84,925	92,460	98,665	100,076	101,886
Trailers	6,538	6,965	7,848	9,268	10,637	11,197	11,334	11,566
Tractors†	1,102	1,366	1,585	1,795	1,913	2,075	2,118	2,143
Cycles—Solo	17,111	10,538	11,386	12,532	14,561	15,817	16,216	16,625
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	3,810	4,144	4,792	5,015	5,053	5,142
Omnibuses‡	794	890	998	1,041	1,061	1,073	1,071	1,079
Taxi-cabs‡	1,331	1,352	1,350	1,353	1,357	1,357	1,358	1,358
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	633	680	785	885	938	974
Total	329,219	267,768	288,867	301,795	317,657	327,404	329,865	333,239

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts.

Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.
1942	20	21	29	17	19	16	24	16	10	13	9	7
1943	7	6	4	6	3	4	17	40	45	60	55	60
1944	5	4	6	4	5	6	83	84	84	73	62	66
1945	5	7	5	8	6	6	42	38	43	48	44	38
1946	18	23	39	58	72	134	113	131	92	103	118	116

14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.
(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	503,346	527,733	556,775	564,184	570,080
February	500,449	533,597	561,066	563,702	570,952
March	502,810	536,795	560,665	563,791	573,205
April	503,494	537,319	561,638	567,295	576,218
May	500,565	543,419	563,277	571,616	575,144
June	500,451	552,044	560,032	572,697	575,864
July	506,566	546,856	559,106	573,078	580,747
August	508,292	549,939	562,063	572,893	583,172
September	509,332	554,227	563,425	568,280	585,985
October	515,228	555,450	561,504	571,656	.....
November	519,375	557,140	562,093	573,637	.....
December	523,920	558,381	560,717	571,790	.....

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER.

Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Expenditure.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	16·82	23·84	Invalid, Old Age Pensions ...	6·88*	7·20
Sales	7·32	10·04	Widows' Pensions ...	0·68	0·73
Income	50·13	43·84	Child Endowment ...	4·03	4·33
Payroll	2·87	3·30	Other	0·76	2·29
Estate	1·08	1·01	Payments to States ...	3·88	6·27
Entertainments ...	1·17	1·24	Tax Reimbursed to States	4·00	7·87
Other	0·83	0·86	Post Office	4·40	5·04
Total Taxes	80·22	84·13	Other	11·63	15·03
Post Office	6·99	7·23	Total Non-War	36·26	48·76
Other	2·19	2·02	War—from Revenue ...	55·13	44·62
			from Loan	53·03	11·40
Total Revenue ...	89·40	93·38	Total Expenditure ...	144·42	104·78

*Includes £1,977,000 expended from balance held in National Welfare Fund at 30th June, 1945.

16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER.

Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Expenditure.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ 000	£ 000		£ 000	£ 000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	729	729	ing Fund	3,934	3,734
Reimbursement of Taxes...	1,430	3,295	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	...	282	Activities	191	199
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	1,145	1,338	Net Debt Charges ...	3,743	3,535
Other Taxes	484	476	Other than Debt Charges—		
Land	282	307	Governmental	4,939	5,889
Services	316	352	Business Undertakings ...	7,281	7,835
Other	861	1,175			
Total Governmental	5,247	7,954			
Business Undertakings ...	9,499	9,600			
Total Revenue ...	14,746	17,554	Total Expenditure ...	15,963	17,259

Loan expenditure on works and services during the three months ended September was gross £1,022,000 and net (i.e. gross less repayments to loan account) £979,000 in 1946-47, compared with gross £690,000 and net £612,000 in 1945-46.

Note.—Receipts and expenditure of the Road Transport and Traffic Fund are not included in this statement.

17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318·4	28·6	23·9	22·1	.....	291·7
1940 " ...	345·4	31·1	38·3	43·7	.....	289·9
1941 " ...	360·0	33·3	36·1	61·9	.....	283·7
1942 " ...	387·9	40·4	39·6	56·3	36·4	268·3
1943 " ...	453·5	33·4	50·8	75·7	102·9	246·0
1944 " ...	534·5	38·0	55·4	89·1	182·8	221·8
1945 " ...	582·5	36·5	46·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
1946 " ...	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
1945—						
June ...	582·5	36·5	46·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
July ...	572·0	33·4	44·8	104·4	233·7	212·1
August ...	575·0	37·5	54·6	107·0	224·0	210·3
September...	579·7	38·5	61·2	109·3	219·6	207·8
1946—						
June ...	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
July ...	613·1	32·3	21·1	117·1	255·5	236·2
August ...	616·5	37·0	23·1	112·8	252·1	238·4
September...	622·0	36·7	27·0	109·9	251·3	243·6

* Excluding London Funds.

18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (18 banks).			
	Deposits.			Advances.	Deposits.			Advances.
	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.		Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1945—September ...	79.7	173.4	255.7	104.8	220.2	413.4	644.0	239.0
1946—April ...	78.8	198.3	280.4	106.9	215.1	483.2	707.9	254.6
May ...	77.6	198.9	279.7	108.9	212.0	480.1	702.9	259.3
June ...	76.4	198.2	277.8	111.6	209.6	476.6	698.5	259.5
July ...	75.9	192.1	271.6	117.3	207.6	462.5	683.9	275.4
August ...	76.2	196.6	275.7	123.1	207.1	468.1	687.4	280.7
September ...	76.3	200.5	279.6	126.0	206.4	475.9	694.0	285.6

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945. Movements in deposits and advances since 1939 re illustrated by *monthly averages in Australia* of nine trading banks shown in Table 17, and by *quarterly averages in New South Wales* of these banks as shown below:—

September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.	September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances
	Non-Government.	Total, including Government.			Non-Government.	Total, including Government.	
million £.							
1939 ...	113·6	114·9	122·5	1943	169·1	172·3	93·5
1940 ...	126·1	128·1	117·6	1944	200·9	203·6	85·1
1941 ...	134·4	137·3	113·7	1945	217·8	219·8	85·9
1942 ...	142·1	145·3	106·9				

19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits,†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.			
			1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
1935 ...	77,906	October ...	86,751	136,326	173,981	209,906
1936 ...	80,000	November ...	86,684	138,328	176,748	214,806
1937 ...	81,952	December ...	86,581	142,108	179,128	219,560
1938 ...	86,016	January ...	86,716	146,283	181,801	224,705
1939 ...	87,474	February ...	87,167	150,375	184,725	228,711
1940 ...	82,111	March ...	86,759	154,154	187,894	230,420
1941 ...	87,750	April ...	87,056	156,025	189,566	230,920
1942 ...	94,538	May ...	85,179	157,045	192,884	232,221
1943 ...	122,405	June† ...	82,111	162,867	198,203	236,242
1944 ...	162,867	July ...	82,135	166,751	200,932	237,305
1945 ...	198,203	August ...	83,074	170,104	204,794	236,985
1946 ...	236,242	September ...	83,827	173,037	207,520	235,806

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £20,774,381 at 30th September, 1946; including £166,397 net receipts in September.

20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	90.3	92.0	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	98	117	123	136	150	152	154
February ...	75.5	82.0	97.1	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	96	114	123	139	147	149	157
March ...	80.5	89.4	102.6	123.4	130.1	123.4	144.1	93	110	119	138	146	145	164
April ...	70.7	86.9	95.4	125.3	108.4	126.2	138.8	98	111	125	150	150	154	176
May ...	82.0	106.3	98.9	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	100	117	125	155	158	160	184
June ...	80.3	97.4	116.6	132.6	140.1	136.0	159.2	101	123	133	163	166	169	195
July ...	71.2	98.9	99.7	114.3	122.9	129.7	174.9	98	125	130	155	168	167	206
August ...	74.9	87.0	99.0	122.7	127.4	121.0	157.3	99	123	135	160	169	168	214
September ...	74.9	94.9	105.6	116.5	120.9	123.4	159.4	99	124	134	155	163	166	217
October ...	78.0	101.8	115.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	...	100	123	138	152	159	166	...
November ...	86.1	99.6	105.0	129.3	126.3	129.7	...	102	124	135	149	153	164	...
December ...	91.7	104.9	121.6	127.3	127.6	121.7	...	106	124	136	150	152	159	...
Year ...	932.3	1139.4	1248.5	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	...	100	120	131	151	156	160	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

21. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'76	...	...
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'47	3'23
1942	5'4	4'9	2'39	2'89	3'11	2'45	3'24
1943	5'0	4'7	2'43	2'72	§	2'48	3'23
1944	5'0	4'4	2'30	2'60	...	2'45	3'24
1945	4'8	4'4	2'27	2'57	...	2'47	3'25
Months—			2 years.	7 years.	12 years.		
1945—June	4'8	4'5	2'25	2'39	...	2'49	3'25
December	4'7	4'4	2'41	2'75	...	2'46	3'25
1946—March	4'7	4'3	1'97	2'62	...	1'82	3'24
April	4'6	4'4	1'98	2'67	...	1'81	3'24
May	4'5	4'4	2'00	2'78	...	1'79	3'25
June	4'4	4'3	1'98	2'74	...	1'78	3'25
July	4'4	4'2	1'93	2'69	...	1'90	3'24
August	4'4	4'2	1'92	2'52	...	1'88	3'25
September	4'4	4'3	1'94	2'51	...	1'88	3'25

* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

§ Subsequent yields uncertain.

22. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Thousand £.											
January	2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,786	2,246	1,148	916	595	383	608	1,078
February	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,507	1,999	2,357	1,329	975	390	611	593	1,179
March	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	2,059	2,726	1,320	996	503	663	688	1,047
April	2,574	2,276	1,517	931	1,663	3,832	1,305	891	536	302	526	1,431
May	2,835	1,154	1,185	1,307	2,204	4,697	1,344	526	381	495	606	1,641
June	3,029	1,266	1,358	1,809	2,373	3,593	1,273	599	400	687	864	1,708
July	3,165	1,540	1,783	1,992	2,726	4,005	1,470	622	399	543	902	1,622
August	2,545	1,671	1,379	2,241	2,238	5,670	1,213	451	450	723	861	2,351
September	2,941	1,616	1,551	1,772	2,684	6,440	1,571	516	432	597	1,005	2,328
October	3,013	1,514	1,549	1,654	3,260	...	1,413	423	618	634	1,128	...
November	2,548	1,942	1,558	1,899	3,106	...	1,022	530	558	529	1,072	...
December	2,972	1,260	1,592	1,708	2,195	...	1,242	562	494	699	899	...
Year	33,239	21,609	17,542	19,462	28,293	...	15,630	8,007	5,756	6,866	9,752	...

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

23. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of September.			Nine Months ended 30th September.		
	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1944	22,487	92,471	52,968	874,512	1,202,790	464,145
1945	41,761	57,437	83,305	834,669	1,224,182	781,753
1946	43,827	43,701	126,334	617,737	1,323,780	869,655

See note under Table 22. * Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	Active Shares ³⁴ included in foregoing.
April, 1929	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1945—Aug. ...	242.3	207.3	170.3	146.8	264.6	195.6	209.9
Sept. ...	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
Oct. ...	255.3	216.3	178.2	150.8	274.6	204.5	220.2
Nov. ...	266.3	224.1	182.1	156.9	291.5	212.8	229.7
Dec. ...	266.0	224.0	182.3	154.7	291.5	212.6	229.3
1946—Jan. ...	266.0	225.8	182.1	153.0	291.5	212.8	229.0
Feb. ...	266.2	226.5	182.3	154.0	291.5	213.0	229.2
Mar. ...	267.3	227.6	184.0	157.2	292.6	213.5	230.3
April ...	278.9	236.8	190.2	161.8	306.2	221.5	240.1
May ...	280.5	239.5	191.1	162.8	306.9	222.8	241.2
June ...	280.5	239.4	190.9	161.0	306.9	222.3	240.8
July ...	280.5	239.5	190.5	161.6	306.9	222.3	240.6
Aug. ...	285.7	244.6	193.6	165.1	312.2	226.2	244.5
Sept. ...	290.5	250.1	196.0	163.7	320.6	229.8	247.1

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. ‡ The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

25. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946—February ...	4	2.19	42	8 6	48	17 10	355	1 3	10	15 3
March ...	4	2.19	42	8 6	51	9 1	355	1 3	10	15 3
April ...	4	2.19	51	16 4	50	10 4	354	19 5	10	15 3
May ...	4	2.19	54	2 3	51	8 10	354	19 5	10	15 3
June ...	4	2.88	53	14 6	50	10 7	354	19 5	10	15 3
July ...	4	2.88	61	13 4	54	8 4	354	19 5	10	15 3
August ...	4	2.91	62	9 1	54	16 8	354	19 5	10	15 3

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

26. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Governmental Authorities. (a)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)		Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)	
					Gov'tal Munit'ns and Aircraft.	Other.					
MALES. (Thousands.)											
1933—June ...	103·2	277·5	380·7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136·5	393·4	529·9	...	0·6	158·2	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141·5	404·8	546·3	25·8	10·2	191·9	78·2	41·3	43·3	52·5	
1942—July ...	158·6	376·0	534·6	25·4	21·6	191·7	80·3	32·3	36·0	46·0	
1943—July ...	156·6	365·4	522·0	25·1	26·8	191·0	81·5	28·7	33·2	43·3	
1944—July ...	152·4	369·7	522·1	24·4	20·1	197·5	84·1	28·4	34·2	45·4	
1945—July ...	156·5	377·5	534·0	24·6	14·8	199·8	88·0	29·9	35·9	47·6	
Sept. ...	155·3	374·1	529·4	24·7	11·7	196·9	87·6	30·8	37·0	48·7	
Oct. ...	154·2	371·1	525·3	23·5	9·4	193·4	88·2	31·5	37·7	49·4	
Nov. ...	154·2	373·3	527·5	23·7	8·2	192·1	89·3	32·7	39·4	50·1	
Dec. ...	157·1	361·8	518·9	22·5	6·6	181·9	88·9	35·8	39·6	50·5	
1946—Jan. ...	156·7	392·6	549·3	23·7	6·3	205·9	90·3	35·2	42·2	52·3	
Feb. ...	159·4	409·9	569·3	24·9	6·6	216·1	93·5	36·3	43·6	53·5	
Mar. ...	162·1	418·4	580·5	24·9	6·5	219·6	94·5	37·6	45·5	54·9	
April ...	163·4	421·1	584·5	24·2	5·8	222·1	94·3	38·6	45·8	55·9	
May ...	166·7	431·5	598·2	25·1	5·6	226·4	96·0	39·4	48·2	57·4	
June ...	168·9	436·9	605·8	25·3	5·4	228·2	98·8	40·3	49·0	57·7	
July ...	170·2	442·2	612·4	25·3	...	235·2	99·3	41·8	50·3	58·5	
Aug. ...	170·4	448·7	619·1	25·4	...	238·1	99·9	42·0	51·4	59·3	
Sept. ...	170·2	453·7	623·9	25·7	...	239·5	100·5	42·6	52·3	60·0	
FEMALES. (Thousands.)											
1933—June ...	16·8	109·0	125·8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19·4	148·6	168·0	...	...	59·3	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21·7	192·4	214·1	0·2	0·7	75·3	8·1	40·9	17·6	57·0	
1942—July ...	29·3	203·6	232·9	0·2	3·9	80·9	9·0	41·1	20·7	58·9	
1943—July ...	45·8	204·1	249·9	0·2	13·2	81·4	12·9	38·5	20·5	62·3	
1944—July ...	45·5	206·1	251·6	0·2	9·1	82·5	13·9	37·2	20·4	65·7	
1945—July ...	43·3	208·8	252·1	0·2	5·4	81·0	14·6	39·2	20·6	68·5	
Sept. ...	41·3	209·0	250·3	0·2	3·6	79·8	14·4	39·7	20·9	69·6	
Oct. ...	39·1	207·4	246·5	0·2	2·1	77·8	14·4	40·1	21·1	69·9	
Nov. ...	38·0	210·2	248·2	0·3	1·7	79·3	14·2	41·5	21·0	70·0	
Dec. ...	37·2	206·8	244·0	0·2	1·4	76·0	13·9	43·8	20·4	68·4	
1946—Jan. ...	36·8	206·1	242·9	0·2	1·2	77·3	14·0	40·5	20·6	69·5	
Feb. ...	36·3	208·8	245·1	0·2	1·1	78·8	13·8	40·7	20·5	70·6	
Mar. ...	35·4	211·4	246·8	0·2	1·1	80·2	13·4	41·0	20·5	71·4	
April ...	34·9	210·6	245·5	0·2	0·9	79·7	13·2	40·6	20·4	71·8	
May ...	34·4	213·1	247·5	0·2	0·9	80·9	13·1	40·9	20·5	72·4	
June ...	33·4	213·3	246·7	0·2	0·8	81·4	13·1	40·8	20·5	72·2	
July ...	32·9	214·3	247·2	0·2	...	83·1	12·6	40·9	20·6	72·2	
Aug. ...	32·3	215·0	247·3	0·2	...	83·2	12·5	40·5	20·9	72·7	
Sept. ...	32·1	217·1	249·2	0·2	...	83·9	12·3	41·1	21·0	73·4	
TOTAL. (Thousands.)											
1933—June ...	120·0	386·5	506·5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155·9	542·0	697·9	...	0·6	217·5	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163·2	597·2	760·4	26·0	10·9	267·2	86·3	82·2	60·9	109·5	
1942—July ...	187·9	579·6	767·5	25·6	25·5	272·6	89·3	73·4	56·7	104·9	
1943—July ...	202·4	569·5	771·9	25·3	40·0	272·4	94·4	67·2	53·7	105·6	
1944—July ...	197·9	575·8	773·7	24·6	29·2	280·0	98·0	65·6	54·6	111·1	
1945—July ...	199·8	586·3	786·1	24·8	20·2	280·8	102·6	69·1	56·5	116·1	
Sept. ...	196·6	583·1	779·7	24·9	15·3	276·7	102·0	70·5	57·9	118·3	
Oct. ...	193·3	578·5	771·8	23·7	11·5	271·2	102·6	71·6	58·8	119·3	
Nov. ...	192·2	583·5	775·7	24·0	9·9	271·4	103·5	74·2	60·4	120·1	
Dec. ...	194·3	568·6	762·9	22·7	8·0	257·9	102·8	79·6	60·0	118·9	
1946—Jan. ...	193·5	598·7	792·2	23·9	7·5	283·2	104·3	75·7	62·8	121·8	
Feb. ...	195·7	618·7	814·4	25·1	7·7	294·9	107·3	77·0	64·1	124·1	
Mar. ...	197·5	629·8	827·3	25·1	7·6	299·8	107·9	78·6	66·0	126·3	
April ...	198·3	631·7	830·0	24·4	6·7	301·8	107·5	79·2	66·2	127·7	
May ...	201·1	644·6	845·7	25·3	6·5	307·3	109·1	80·3	68·7	129·8	
June ...	202·3	650·2	852·5	25·5	6·2	309·6	111·9	81·1	69·5	129·9	
July ...	203·1	656·5	859·6	25·5	...	318·3	111·9	82·7	70·9	130·7	
Aug. ...	202·7	663·7	866·4	25·6	...	321·3	112·4	82·5	72·3	132·0	
Sept. ...	202·3	670·8	873·1	25·9	...	323·4	112·8	83·7	73·3	133·4	

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers from July, 1945, are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

27. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	136	141	141	164	155	173	165
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	135	142	145	159	161	174	181
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	130	143	146	164	165	171	185
April... ..	100	104	96	110	125	137	141	147	164	162	172	189
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	128	146	144	166	172	178	192
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	135	150	154	174	176	176	197
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	139	149	158	171	177	184	195
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	137	151	157	181	181	177	195
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	134	151	158	171	172	180	201
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	137	154	163	162	169	174	...
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	139	152	161	164	171	179	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	138	153	165	163	169	123	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	135	148	154	167	170	172	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

28. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23'7
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22'5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
September ...	1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22'8
December ...	1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22'4
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ..	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ..	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

29. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

YEAR.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.		May.		February.		May.	
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946	99 0	99 0	100 0	101 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	99 0

* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.
In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.
The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1945, was 2,912,791 or 39·3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943, 1,398,170).

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